

FURZEDOWN PARENTS NEWSLETTER



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Science Gold Quality Mark with Outreach work

We are delighted that the school have been re-awarded the Gold Science Quality Mark.

This is a very prestigious award recognising outstanding science teaching and curriculum. The school is one of only five schools in England to have achieved the outreach section of this Mark.

Mr Dutton has worked tirelessly to raise the profile and status of Science across other schools as well.

He has been supported and helped by other members of staff, but his passion and enthusiasm has driven this subject. Very well done.

<https://youtu.be/6GVmpxpEWSw>

School Streets

Beclands road is a designated School Street

Beclands road has restricted access during drop off and pick up times so that the area is as safe as possible for the children.

You must not drive down this road at these times. Notices at the end of the road are on display.

We have been informed that the ANPR (automatic number plate recognition) cameras will be installed by the council at the beginning of December.

Tickets will be issued by the council for a contravention.

Free Breakfasts

If you would welcome help.

Free takeaway breakfasts are available from next Tuesday 1st December 7:30-9:00 at St. Albans Church
Welham road.
Marc Richeux
02086774521

Lunches - dinner hall

In the Spring term we will be able to rearrange the dining hall schedules so that all children who have school lunches will be able to have a hot school dinner.

Cashless Payments

Thank you for your patience

We are now cashless for the following items:

- Lunches
- After school care
- Uniform
- Trips
- After school clubs

Please contact the office for further information and log in codes.

Fair Trade Christmas hamper

The teachers are putting together a fair trade Christmas hamper to raffle. The children will be sent home with 5 raffle tickets. If you would like to buy them at 50p each please send the money back with the stubs.

Please make sure to write your name and a contact number on the stubs.

These will be put into a draw and the winner will be given the hamper.

The tickets will be in the PACT folder next week.

Please return them with any money by December 11th.

Thanks for your support

Dropping off and picking up

Thank you so much for your co-operation at these times by dropping off and picking up promptly.

Can we please remind you that we are relying on all of you to help us by not hanging around the school entrances and sending only one adult per family to pick up children.

Unfortunately we have limited access and narrow entrances.

Christmas

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| 10 th Dec | Christmas lunch for yrs 1-6 |
| 10 th Dec | Reception Christmas party |
| 15 th Dec | Father Christmas to Early years |
| 16 th Dec | Father Christmas to KS1 |

Please look out for the short videos on the web site.

We are sad not to be offering our full range of celebratory events this year.

All children are making videos of Christmas songs to share with parents/ carers/families

PTA

A reminder to keep an eye out for the variety of events that are on offer.

Packed Lunch Guidance

Please do continue to send in a balanced lunch for your child.

Please look at the [Change 4 life web site](#) for guidance.

Please refrain from sending in juice/sugary drinks

Chocolate/ sugary snacks

Crisps

NO NUTS

Portion Size

Small children are often worried about trying to tackle large amounts of food. Please be mindful of the portion sizes that you give your child in their packed lunches.

We are working on independent skills and children are expected to be able to feed themselves. Please do try to back this up at home as well to make it easier for them.

NHS GUIDELINES

Packed lunches should include:

at least one portion of fruit and one portion of vegetables every day.

Meat, fish or other source of non-dairy protein (e.g. lentils, kidney beans, chickpeas, hummus and falafel) every day. oily fish, such as salmon, at least once every three weeks.



